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Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Rules 155 and 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provide as follows:

Rule 155

The General Assembly shall appoint an Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions consisting of sixteen members, including at least three financial experts of recognized standing.

Rule 156

The members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected on the basis of broad geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience and shall serve for a period of three years corresponding to three calendar years. Members shall retire by rotation and shall be eligible for reappointment. The three financial experts shall not retire simultaneously. The General Assembly shall appoint the members of the Advisory Committee at the regular session immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of the members or, in case of vacancies, at the next session.

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2. The current membership of the Advisory Committee is as follows:

Takeshi **Akamatsu** (Japan)***
Pavel **Chernikov** (Russian Federation)*
Ihor **Humennyi** (Ukraine)**
Conrod **Hunte** (Antigua and Barbuda)**
Mutaz **Hyassat** (Jordan)**
Marcel **Jullier** (Switzerland)***
Mahesh **Kumar** (India)***
Ali A. **Kurer** (Libya)*
Dietrich **Lingenthal** (Germany)*
Fernando **de Oliveira Sena** (Brazil)*
Carlos Ruiz **Massieu** (Mexico)***
Babou **Sene** (Senegal)**
Tesfa Alem **Seyoum** (Eritrea)**
David **Traystman** (United States of America)*
Catherine **Vendat** (France)***
Ye Xuenong (China)***

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2017.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2019.

3. Given that the terms of office of Mr. Chernikov, Mr. Kurer, Mr. Lingenthal, Mr. de Oliveira Sena and Mr. Traystman will expire on 31 December 2017, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its seventy-second session, to appoint five persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2018.

4. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the seventy-second session.

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Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Rules 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provide as follows:

Rule 158

The General Assembly shall appoint an expert Committee on Contributions consisting of eighteen members.

Rule 159

The members of the Committee on Contributions, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected on the basis of broad geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience and shall serve for a period of three years corresponding to three calendar years. Members shall retire by rotation and shall be eligible for reappointment. The General Assembly shall appoint the members of the Committee on Contributions at the regular session immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of the members or, in case of vacancies, at the next session.

2. The current membership of the Committee is as follows:

Syed Yawar **Ali** (Pakistan)**
Cheikh Tidiane **Dème** (Senegal)***
Jasminka **Dinić** (Croatia)**
Gordon **Eckersley** (Australia)***
Edward **Faris** (United States of America)**
Fu Daopeng (China)*
Bernardo **Greiver del Hoyo** (Uruguay)***
Simon **Hough** (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)*
Nikolay **Lozinskiy** (Russian Federation)*
Toshiro **Ozawa** (Japan)**

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Baudelaire **Ndong Ella** (Gabon)***
Tõnis **Saar** (Estonia)**
Henrique da Silveira **Sardinha Pinto** (Brazil)*
Thomas **Schlesinger** (Austria)*
Ugo **Sessi** (Italy)***
Josiel Motumisi **Tawana** (South Africa)**
Alejandro **Torres Lépori** (Argentina)***
Seongmee **Yoon** (Republic of Korea)*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2017.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2019.

3. Given that the terms of office of Mr. Fu, Mr. Hough, Mr. Lozinskiy, Mr. Sardinha Pinto, Mr. Schlesinger and Ms. Yoon will expire on 31 December 2017, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its seventy-second session, to appoint six persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2018.

4. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the seventy-second session.

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Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 55/248, the General Assembly amended its resolution 74 (I).

2. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of General Assembly resolution 55/248 read as follows:

> 1. *Decides* that the term of office of the Board of Auditors shall be a non-consecutive term of office of six years' duration starting on 1 July 2002;
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> 2. *Decides also*, for the transitional arrangements, to approve alternative 1 in the report of the Secretary-General,[1] whereby only the appointment of the Auditor-General of South Africa will be extended until 30 June 2006 and the other members elected under the current procedure shall be eligible for re-election.

3. Accordingly, the current membership of the Board of Auditors is as follows:

The Comptroller and Auditor-General of India**
The Controller and Auditor-General of the United Republic of Tanzania*
The German Supreme Audit Institution***

* Term of office expires on 30 June 2018.
** Term of office expires on 30 June 2020.
*** Term of office expires on 30 June 2022.

4. Since the term of office of the Controller and Auditor-General of the United Republic of Tanzania will expire on 30 June 2018, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its seventy-second session, to fill the resulting vacancy by appointing as a member of the Board the Auditor-General or officer holding the

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equivalent title of a Member State. The auditor thus appointed will serve for a period of six years, beginning on 1 July 2018.

5. The three members of the Board have joint responsibility for the external audit of: the United Nations; United Nations peacekeeping activities and special missions; the United Nations Development Programme; the United Nations Population Fund; the United Nations Children's Fund; the United Nations International Drug Control Programme; the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; the United Nations Institute for Training and Research; the voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme; the United Nations Human Settlements Programme; the United Nations Office for Project Services; the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991; the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994; the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals; the capital master plan; the International Trade Centre; the United Nations University; and the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund. The Members of the Board also have joint responsibility for the audit of the United Nations escrow (Iraq) accounts, the United Nations Compensation Commission and other activities upon request.

6. At the present time, audit assignments are shared among the audit staff provided from the audit services of the members of the Board on an equal basis. In order to fulfil those shared responsibilities, each member provides approximately 350 auditor-weeks each year, in addition to the full-time Director.

7. To enable the Board to carry out its mandate through the integration of audit planning, execution and reporting and to enhance the development of common audit standards and professional practices, an Audit Operations Committee was established comprising three full-time Directors of External Audit, who are based at Headquarters, representing each member of the Board. The members of the Board are expected to be available for approximately two weeks each year, in June and November, for meetings of the Board and the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency. In addition, each member has to be available for whatever consultations are necessary throughout the year with the members of the Administration, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and other governing bodies.

8. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the name of a Member State whose Auditor General or officer holding the equivalent title was recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the seventy-second session.

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Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The International Civil Service Commission was established by the General Assembly in its resolution 3357 (XXIX) for the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system. It performs its functions in respect of the United Nations and of those specialized agencies and other international organizations which participate in the United Nations common system and which have accepted the Commission's statute.

2. Articles 2 to 4 of the statute of the Commission, which is annexed to the resolution, provide as follows:

Article 2

The Commission shall consist of fifteen members appointed by the General Assembly, of whom two, who shall be designated Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, shall serve full-time.

Article 3

1. The members of the Commission shall be appointed in their personal capacity as individuals of recognized competence who have had substantial experience of executive responsibility in public administration or related fields, particularly in personnel management.

2. The members of the Commission, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, shall be selected with due regard for equitable geographical distribution.

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Article 4

1. After appropriate consultations with Member States, with the executive heads of the other organizations and with staff representatives, the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination,[1] shall compile a list of candidates for appointment as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of the Commission and shall consult with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions before consideration and decision by the General Assembly.

2. In the same way, the names of candidates shall be submitted to the General Assembly to replace members whose terms of office have expired or who have resigned or otherwise ceased to be available.

3. Article 5 of the statute provides in part that "the members of the Commission shall be appointed by the General Assembly for a term of four years and may be reappointed".

4. The current membership of the Commission is the following:

Kingston Papie **Rhodes** (Sierra Leone)** (Chair)
Wolfgang **Stöckl** (Germany)* (Vice-Chair)
Marie-Françoise **Bechtel** (France)**
Emmanuel Oti **Boateng** (Ghana)**
Larbi **Djacta** (Algeria)***
Minoru **Endo** (Japan)*
Mohammed **Farashuddin** (Bangladesh)***
Carleen **Gardner** (Jamaica)**
Sergei V. **Garmonin** (Russian Federation)***
Luis Mariano **Hermosillo Sosa** (Mexico)*
Aldo **Mantovani** (Italy)*
Curtis **Smith** (United States of America)*
Wang Xiaochu (China)***
Eugeniusz **Wyzner** (Poland)**
El Hassane **Zahid** (Morocco)***

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2017.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2018.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2019.

5. Given that the terms of office of Mr. Endo, Mr. Hermosillo Sosa, Mr. Mantovani, Mr. Smith and Mr. Stöckl will expire on 31 December 2017, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its seventy-second session, to appoint five persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of four years, beginning on 1 January 2018.

6. As the term of office of the current Vice-Chair will expire on 31 December 2017, the position of Vice-Chair of the International Civil Service Commission will be vacant as from 1 January 2018. In accordance with article 2 of the statute of the

[1] By Economic and Social Council decision 2001/321, the Administrative Committee on Coordination was renamed the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

Commission, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its seventy-second session, to designate a Vice-Chair.

7. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the seventy-second session.

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Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 61/275, the General Assembly approved the terms of reference for the Independent Audit Advisory Committee and decided that it would comprise five members, to be appointed by the Assembly.

2. Paragraphs 3, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the annex to resolution 61/275 provide as follows:

> 3. The Committee shall comprise five members, no two of whom shall be nationals of the same State, appointed by the General Assembly on the basis of equitable geographical representation, personal qualifications and experience.
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> 10. All members of the Committee shall reflect the highest level of integrity and shall serve in their personal capacity, and they shall not seek or receive instructions from any Government in performing their duties. They shall be independent of the Board of Auditors, the Joint Inspection Unit and the Secretariat and shall not hold any position or engage in any activity that could impair their independence from the Secretariat or from companies that maintain a business relationship with the United Nations, in fact or perception.
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> 11. All members of the Committee must have recent and relevant senior-level financial, audit and/or other oversight-related experience. Such experience should reflect, to the extent possible:

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(a) Experience in preparing, auditing, analysing or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues faced by the United Nations, including an understanding of relevant accepted accounting principles;

(b) An understanding of and, if possible, relevant experience in the inspection, monitoring and evaluation and investigative processes;

(c) An understanding of internal control, risk management and procedures for financial reporting;

(d) A general understanding of the organization, structure and functioning of the United Nations.

12. Former senior United Nations Secretariat officials shall not be eligible for appointment to the Committee for five years following their separation from service. The members of the Committee shall not be eligible for appointment in the Secretariat for five years following the expiry of their terms.

13. Members of the Committee shall be nominated by Member States and shall be appointed by the General Assembly, preferably from a compendium of at least ten suitably qualified candidates, with due regard being paid to equitable geographic representation. Before nominating candidates, Member States are recommended to evaluate their candidates and attest to their qualifications on the basis of paragraph 11 above on the criteria for membership in the Committee through consultation with an international organization with relevant expertise in the functions performed by audit and oversight organizations, such as the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions, and to make this information available to Member States.

3. To facilitate the appointment of members of the Committee, the names of the candidates and other relevant information should be submitted to the Secretary-General. It is the understanding of the Secretary-General that regional groups are encouraged to present at least two candidates for appointment to the Committee and that each regional group will be entitled to one seat on the Committee.[1]

4. Paragraph 7 of the terms of reference for and criteria for membership in the Committee, contained in the annex to resolution 61/275, provides that members of the Committee shall be appointed and shall serve for three years, and can be reappointed for a second and final term of three years.

[1] See A/C.5/61/SR.58.

5. The current membership of the Committee is as follows:

Patricia **Arriagada** (Chile)**
Natalia A. **Bocharova** (Russian Federation)**
J. Christopher **Mihm** (United States of America)*
Maria Gracia **Pulido-Tan** (Philippines)**
Richard Quartei **Quartey** (Ghana)*

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2017.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2019.

6. Given that the terms of office of Mr. Mihm and Mr. Quartey will expire on 31 December 2017, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its seventy-second session, to appoint two persons to fill the resulting vacancies. The persons so appointed will serve for a period of three years, beginning on 1 January 2018.

7. At previous sessions, the Fifth Committee submitted to the General Assembly a draft decision containing the names of the persons recommended for appointment. It is suggested that a similar procedure be followed at the seventy-second session.